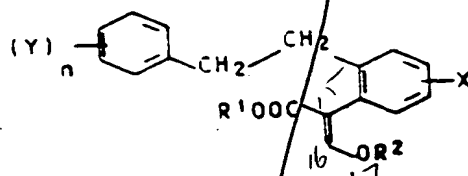
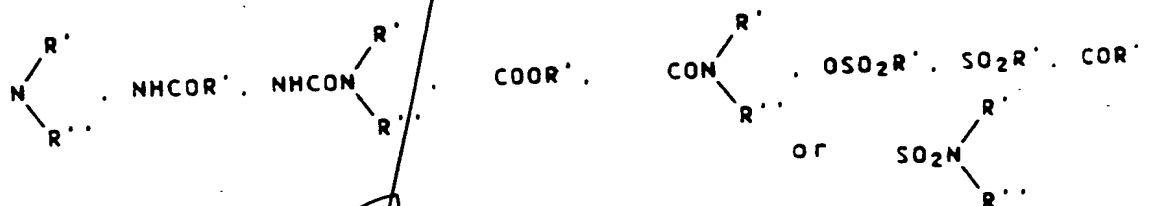


We claim:

1. An acrylic acid derivative of the formula



where R^1 and R^2 independently of one another are each C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, X is hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano or nitro, Y is hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aralkyl, aryl, aryloxy, halogen, an unsubstituted or substituted C_4H_9 chain which is fused to the benzene radical, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, NO_2 , alkylthio, thiocyanato, cyano,



R' and R'' independently of one another are each hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio or cycloalkyl or are each phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by alkyl, halogen or alkoxy, and n is from 1 to 4.

2. A fungicide containing a carrier and a compound as set forth in claim 1.

3. A process for combating fungi, wherein the fungi or the materials, plants, seed or the soil are treated with a fungicidally effective amount of a compound as set forth in claim 1.

4. Methyl alpha-(2-phenethylphenyl)-beta-methoxyacrylate.

5. A fungicide containing a carrier and the compound set forth in claim 4.